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First Semi-Final of Dockerty Cup

SOUTH YARRA

versus

WESTERN SUBURBS

SATURDAY, 10th SEPT., 1949

OLYMPIC PARK, BATMAN AVENUE

at 3 p.m.

CURTAIN RAISER at 1.45 p.m.

3rd DIVISION PLAY OFF

GEORGE CROSS versus JUVENTUS

AT HURLINGTON PARK, BRIGHTON

3rd Round of the Dockerty Cup 10th Sept., 1949

BRIGHTON

versus

SANDRINGHAM CITY

at 3 p.m.

EDITORIAL.

Once more we are in the midst of that glorious uncertainty—the Dockerty Cup competition.

In Victoria, as in all Soccer countries, the "Cup" is the thing and the dismal forebodings of our learned colleague of the Daily Press—that prophet of gloom—who yearly remarks after the first round, when one or two First Division clubs have been knocked out, that "Interest lags in the Cup matches," are not borne out by the attendances at Olympic Park.

It is the ability of lesser teams to produce colossal form not in keeping with their usual showing, and the tendency of "Name" teams to take their opponents cheaply, which upsets the calculations of all students of form and adds that element of doubt to even "open and shut games."

The fact of one or two First Division teams being knocked out merely increases interest in the teams which knocked them out, with a noticeable increase in the following and the "gate" of those clubs.

An instance of this is to be seen in the Brighton versus Y.C.W.M. games. The increase in the attendance at the second game was most noticeable.

This year Soccer in Victoria has had its most successful season for many years, but jubilation over this fact must be tempered with caution when the remarkable evolutions of that single-minded body of men, the Australian selectors, are considered.

Disregarding the wonderful efforts of Tommy Jack and his lads of the Victorian side in fighting a draw with the Jugo-Slavs, these gentlemen have found it impossible to include even one Victorian in the Australian Test side.

Presumably they feel that the Victorians' effort was a "fluke," but if they do so, "Soccer News" says they have a great disillusionment coming to them.

The "Prophet Dicko" stated the case consisely when finally run to earth by Chief Petty Officer Ralph White, R.N., who found him sitting outside his tent on the slopes of Mt. Macedon engaged in the interesting sport of combing his beard.

Asked by the C.P.O. what he thought of the state of affairs, the Prophet, after a brief pause of an hour and a quarter, replied: "Surely these Sydneyites have their noses out of joint, saying one to another, "Is it not written that we are the greatest footballers on earth, and as for these Melbournites, verily we know them not, neither do we wish to know them, and if they should have caused the Jugo-Slavs any trouble, must it not have been with a ball of the peanut variety. Which, as all men know, is used exclusively at the M.C.G.' "

"But I say unto you that if these Sydneyites come south of the great water which some call the Murray, lo! there will be a great killing, for Tommy, the son of Jack, and his lads of the village will surely tear them limb from limb, sending them back to their own country with nothing—nay, not even their reputations."

After these few well chosen words, the learned man stalked majestically to his tent, slapping in a dignified manner at a fly or two with his sandal and leaving the C.P.O. to find his way as best he could to the nearest hostelry.

NOTICE TO CLUB OFFICIALS.

This is an experimental number of "Soccer News," so please take note of it for future reference.

Owing to the small circulation of this edition, it has been necessary to confine it to eight pages, but under normal conditions, when clubs are taking their usual quota, it will be possible to turn out a 12 page edition on the same lines at a small profit to both the Clubs and the Association.

You are, therefore, asked to discuss this number and decide among yourselves whether you would prefer "Soccer News" in this form (but with 12 pages) for next year or whether you prefer the old type.

V. J. M. DIXON.

LOCAL DERBY.

Of most interest to-day is the meeting between Brighton, First Division leaders (recently returned from their adventures in the Baltic), and that cheeky bunch of enthusiasts—Sandringham City—who have had the temerity to play Soccer (and well by all accounts) within a very short distance of that "Holy of Holies" of Soccer—Hurlingham Park.

Evidence of Sandringham's success is their record as leaders of the Second Division in their first year, with the loss of only one point for the season, and passing even Brighton's First Division total. Whether these Sandringhammers can toss the seasoned warriors of Brighton remains to be seen, but the feeling down Ludstone Street seems to be one of confidence and Brighton, who have already had one fright in the Cup (we won't say any more about that) must not take Chief Petty Officer Ralph White's men cheaply or woe betide them.

Whatever the result, Soccer fans must wish these two clubs well. It must be borne in mind that four men from these two clubs played their part in that titanic struggle with the Jugo-Slavs on the M.C.G., when the drawn game with this previously unbeaten side put Victoria back on the Soccer map. We refer to Jack, McDougall and Barr, of Brighton, and to White, of Sandringham City.

The fact that two great clubs can function and achieve a big following in such close proximity speaks volumes for the growing popularity of Soccer.

Here's wishing a good game to both teams from "Soccer News" and may the best team win.

EDITOR.

BRIGHTON

(1) SINCLAIR

(2) GOODE (3) WILKINSON

(4) McMURRAY (5) JACK (6) SCOTT

(7) McDOUGALL (9) NICHOLSON (11) BARR

(8) DOBRICH (10) THOMAS

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(11) McCLENNAN (9) WALTON (7) FINNEY

(10) PARVIN (8) LOMAX

(6) WALKER (5) WHITE (4) D. BINGHAM

(3) DAVIS (2) L. BINGHAM

(1) DAVIES

SANDRINGHAM CITY

Dockerty Cup 1st Semi-Final

WESTERN SUBURBS

(1) ROBERTS
(2) JAMES (3) CHALMERS
(4) DAVIES (5) E. TAYLOR (6) TANIS
(8) COX (10) HIGGINS
(7) C. TAYLOR (9) THORRINGTON (11) DENNISON
Res.: PATON, PICKEN, H. TAYLOR

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(11) SHARMAN (9) STODDART (7) MITCHELLSON
(10) NISBET (8) MURDOCH
(6) DALL (5) T. SHARPE (4) D. MILLER
(3) G. SHARPE (2) WHITTAKER
(1) BRUNDELL

SOUTH YARRA

(These Teams are liable to alteration.)

Teams for the Curtain Raiser at Olympic Park at 1.15 p.m.

GEORGE CROSS.

(1) PISANI
(2) AZZAPARDI (3) J. CALLEIA
(4) G. ZAMMIT (5) B. CALLEIA (6) F. ZAMMIT
(8) G. GATT (10) ZIGMOND
(7) J. CALLEIA (9) MIZZI (11) VASSALIO
Res.: E. GATT, ANDOLINA

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(11) TIEPPO (9) NEWALTA (7) PLUTINO
(10) MARTINI (8) TAVERNI
(6) ALBERTI (5) FRANCESCONI (4) LEGERI
(3) PRUSCO (2) CARROLLA
(1) PESSARI
Res.: MUCHINIGO, MUSCO

JUVENTUS

(The Teams are liable to alteration.)

NOTES ON TO-DAY'S PLAYERS.

WESTERN SUBURBS SOCCER CLUB.

ROBERTS, goal. Learned Soccer with Tottenham Juniors and Western Suburbs.

JAMES, right back. Learned game with Sunshine Juniors. Hard tackler and speedy.

CHALMERS, left back. Scottish lad, but picked up his Soccer with Nobel's Juniors.

DAVIES, right half. Has played with Sunshine and Western Suburbs Juniors. Captain in Victorian Juniors versus South Australian Juniors match this year.

TAYLOR, E., centre half. Manchester born. Played football with Nobels before joining Western Suburbs.

TANIS, left half. Product of W. S. Juniors, now graduated to senior ranks.

TAYLOR, C., outside right. Came to W.S. from Nobels.

COX, inside right. From Coventry. During the war played outside left for Warnes, of Arsenal, in R.A.F. teams.

THORRINGTOW, centre forward. English professional. A Londoner. Played with Royal Navy teams during the war and also for Northampton Town.

HIGGINS, inside left. Captain. Veteran Victorian player; has played with many local teams, including Nobels and Melbourne Thistle. Captained Victoria against China before the war.

DENNISON, outside left. Has been three years with Western Suburbs Juniors and Seniors.

Western Suburbs Club has been four years in existence and has been three times in Cup semi-finals.

SOUTH YARRA SOCCER CLUB.

BRUNDEL, goal. Generally plays half back but has taken Reynold's position in goal, Reynolds retiring owing to pressure of business.

SHARP, G., right back. Player with many years' experience but was noted as R. H. when playing with Caledonians.

WHITAKER, left back. One of the brainiest L. B. playing to-day, and with G. Sharp has played 12 seasons together.

MILLAR, right half back. Originally played R.B. for Coburg, but has developed into a good R. H. Very fast and good tackler.

SHARP, I., centre half. Captain. An inspiration for any team. Good hard player and has represented Scotland three times as a goal-keeper.

DALL, left half. Generally plays R.H. but has found L. H. more to his liking. Came from Yallourn two seasons ago.

MITCHELSON, outside right. Playing on right wing; good hard trier; came from Reserves.

NESBIT, inside right. First year in Soccer in Australia; good footballer and will soon settle down.

STODDART, centre forward. The find of the season; found playing Aussie Rules in Drouin, but has got to the top and is looked upon as the best centre in Victoria.

MURDOCK, inside left. First year in Soccer here. Originally played in Ayrshire Junior League and doing a good job.

SHARMAN, outside left. One of the best wingers in the game. Has been Reserve winger for Victoria. Good shot and plenty of speed.

The South Yarra team as listed above is likely to be altered.

LOOKING FORWARD.

After having had approximately 120 schoolboys playing inter-house games all the season at Preston Technical School, Preston anticipate picking up quite a bit of talent for their junior teams next season. Even at this late hour in the season a new face appears at each practice session.

PRESTONITE.

PRESTON GOES TO BALCOMBE.

On Saturday, August 27th, Preston Un. 17 team journeyed to the Army Apprentice School, Balcombe, and played a friendly game against a team of juniors being formed there. These lads are between 16-18 and very keen, and under the coaching of Sgt. Woolhouse should give a good account of themselves next season, as he intends keeping them at it right through the summer, preparatory to entering two teams in the Junior League.

PRESTONITE.

SOCCER FOOTBALLS.

Recently a number of Junior size 4 footballs were purchased by the Association and sold to the clubs. The balls have proved to be an excellent buy and two clubs have since made repeat orders.

It is suggested that all clubs interested place an order with the Secretary of the Association in order that a large quantity may be ordered and distributed to the clubs before next season commences. The cost of the ball will be 32/6, including postage.

AN APPEAL FOR INJURED PLAYER.

Members of the Council of the V.S.F.A. took up a collection for the Woodland Soccer Club player who broke his spine two weeks ago. The result of the appeal at Olympic Park was £10/1/8.

HAKOAH-J.R.C. GOING TO SYDNEY.

Hakoah-J.R.C. is playing its annual soccer game for the A. N. Roth Trophy on Sunday, September 11th, 1949, at Arlington Oval (Dulwich Hill), Sydney.

The trophy was won last year in an exciting extra time match 3 to 1 by Hakoah-J.R.C., Melbourne.

The players, including reserve, with members of the Executive Committee, will leave Melbourne by T.A.A. on Friday afternoon, September 9th, 1949, and will return on Monday, September 12th, 1949.

The Table Tennis Section, which won both Cups for men and ladies last year in Melbourne, will play their return games in Sydney on Sunday night, September 11th, 1949, and will travel together with the soccer players.

Next Saturday, 17th September, at Olympic Park

Dockerty Cup 2nd Semi-Final

Park Rangers

versus

Brighton or Sandringham City

Kick Off at 3 p.m.

SOUTH YARRA SENDS THANKS.

The committee of the S.Y.S.C. wish to thank all their supporters for their support during the season. Congratulations to Mrs. F. Cavell and A. Bradd on their success in topping the aggregate in the club Whist Drive, which was held during the season. Their efforts will be recognised in due course. The Club wishes it to be known that they are holding a Whist Drive and Dance on the 24th September in St. Martin s Hall, Hawksburn. Tickets can be reserved by ringing BJ 3347 or from W. Duff.

There will be a Card Evening at Mrs. A. Mitchelson's home, No. 1 Hazeldon Place, South Yarra, on 10th September, and all members are welcome.

South Yarra intend to form a Supporters' Club and and Soccerite in South Yarra is welcome to join it by getting in touch with W. Duff, 21 Phoenix Street, South Yarra, S.E.1.

REMINDERS.

Clubs are reminded that all Club notes for these Special Editions must be in the hands of the Editor by the Saturday preceding the week of publication.

All matter for inclusion in "Soccer News" should now be sent to Mr. V. J. M. Dixon, 40 Beach Road, Hampton, S.7.

Clubs are advised that delegates' meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

All matter for inclusion in the ensuing two special numbers of "Soccer News" should be sent to Mr. V. J. M. Dixon, 40 Beach Road, Hampton, by first post on the Saturday preceding the date of publication.

Urgent matter received too late to send in on the Saturday should be forwarded direct to our publishers, whose name appears in this issue, and will be inserted if space permits. No guarantee of inclusion is given, however, as we endeavour to make sure the paper is full.

Mr. Dixon will endeavour to contact personally the Secretaries of Clubs left in the semi-finals and finals.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—As a spectator at the Yallourn and South Melbourne United match I was disgusted at the intimidation of the visiting goalkeeper, which the Yallourn officials made no attempt to suppress. If such tactics are considered clever as a means to try and win matches, then Soccer leaves much to be desired.

Yours truly,
OBSERVER.

SOCCER AT MIDDLE PARK

Sunday, 18th September

Australia versus Great Britain

Kick Off at 2.45 p.m.

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LEAGUE TABLES AT AS 27/8/49.

First Division	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals P.	Goals A.	P.
Brighton	16	14	0	2	52	16	30
Box Hill	18	9	4	5	46	40	23
Park Rangers	17	8	4	5	41	26	21
Moreland	18	9	7	2	50	39	20
Prahran	18	9	7	2	52	49	20
South Yarra	17	5	8	4	35	37	14
Bradford	16	5	7	4	31	34	14
Sunshine	18	6	11	1	38	50	13
Yallourn	17	5	10	2	38	56	12
West Suburbs	17	2	14	1	23	59	5

Second Division	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals P.	Goals A.	P.
Sandringham	17	16	0	1	57	13	33
South Melbourne	17	12	3	2	61	23	26
Hakoah	17	13	4	0	78	31	26
Ringwood	17	11	6	0	34	28	22
University	18	8	9	1	45	34	17
Preston	18	5	8	5	34	45	15
Heidelberg	18	6	11	1	31	46	13
Yarraville	18	4	11	3	26	45	11
Olympic	17	2	12	3	15	64	7
Williamstown	17	1	14	2	18	70	4

Third Division	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals P.	Goals A.	P.
George Cross	17	16	1	0	64	17	32
Juventus	16	15	1	0	74	15	30
Fifers	17	12	4	1	54	31	25
Woodlands	17	8	8	1	34	28	17
Northcote	17	8	8	1	40	41	17
Y.C.W.M.	15	8	6	1	67	27	17
Macedonians	16	6	10	0	27	51	12
Brighton	16	4	11	1	50	70	9
Metters	15	4	11	0	30	62	8
Box Hill	12	4	8	0	7	37	8
Woodlands A.	17	1	16	0	9	84	2

First Division Reserves	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals P.	Goals A.	P.
Brighton	17	16	1	0	89	14	32
Park Rangers	17	15	2	0	75	15	30
Prahran	17	12	4	1	61	31	25
South Yarra	17	9	6	2	58	48	20
Box Hill	17	9	8	0	52	44	18
Yallourn	17	8	8	1	32	51	17
Bradford	17	4	8	5	30	38	13
Sunshine	16	1	12	3	9	87	5
West Suburbs	16	1	13	2	23	72	4
Moreland	17	1	14	2	16	55	4

Second Division Reserves	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals P.	Goals A.	P.
Sandringham	17	16	1	0	72	11	32
Hakoah	16	14	2	0	67	12	28
South Melbourne	16	12	3	1	60	22	25
Preston	18	12	6	0	58	27	22
Ringwood	17	8	8	1	41	37	17
Heidelberg	17	6	10	1	28	56	13
Olympic	17	5	10	2	17	46	12
Williamstown	17	4	12	1	29	52	9
Yarraville	17	4	13	0	9	82	6
University	18	1	17	0	8	44	2